prices. As regards cotton yarn, the Government has already announced a ceiling of 100 million kgs. of cotton yarn for export for the year 1994.

(d) The Government has fixed the production target of 14 million bales of 170 kgs. each of cotton for the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Subsidy to purchase fertilizers in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra

521. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV :
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the amount of subsidy so far provided to each district of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra during the current financial year so as to enable the farmers to purchase fertilizers at concessional rates ;

(b) what was the amount of subsidy provided to each district during 1992-93 and 1993-94 indicating increase/decrease if any, during 1994-95 with reasons therefor ;

(c) whether there is any check by Government to ensure that the subsidy provided is utilised for the benefit of farmers only and not for any other purposes ;

(d) whether any aid has been received from international financial research of agriculture in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra during the period of 1992-93, 1993-34; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and allocation made by way of internal/ external assistance to farmers district-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) During 1992-93 and 93-94, funds, for sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers with concession to the farmers, were released not district-wise but for the State as a whole taking into account the requirements projected by the State, their past consmption and availability of funds for the prurpose. During the current financial year, no funds have so far been allocated to those two States under this scheme. However, during 1994-95, it has been decided to make payments directly to the manufacturers/importers (for MOP) based on reports of sales received from the States/Union Territories.

(b) Funds released to Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra during 1992-93 and 1993-94 are indicated below :

(Rs. in lakhs

State	Funds released	
	1992-93	1993-94
Madhya Pradesh .	1825.00	3192.50
Maharashtra . .	1682.00	6220.85

As indicated above, during 1994-95, it has been decided to make payments directly to the manufacturers/importers (for MOP).

(c) Yes, Sir Detailed guidenlines for implementation of the scheme have been issued to the States/ Union Territories and the progress of implementation is beng monitored periodically.

(d) and (e) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

प्राकृतिक आपदा राहत

522. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्राकृतिक आपदा राहत शीर्ष के अंतर्गत राज्यों को इस समय केन्द्रीय सहायता के आबंटन हेतु किन-किन

मानदंडों एवं प्रक्रियाओं का पालन किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) इनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार इस प्रक्रिया में आमूलचूल एवं व्यवहारिक परिवर्तन करने का है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेतम) (क) और (ख) राहत व्यय वित्त पोषण की विद्यमान योजना 1-4-90 से लागू हुई तथा यह नौवें वित्त आयोग की सिफारिशों पर आधारित है।

आयोग ने आपदा राहत निधि के राज्यवार वार्षिक आबंटन की सिफारिश करते समय भारत सरकार द्वारा 10 वर्षों (1980—89) के दौरान प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के प्रबंध हेतु स्वीकृत खर्च की उच्चतम सीमा का श्रीमत ध्यान में रखा था।

(ग) से (ङ) दसवां वित्त आयोग राज्य सरकारों तथा भारत सरकार के विभिन्न विभागों से प्राप्त अभ्यावेदनों व टिप्पणियों के आधार पर राज्यों को आपदा राहत निधि के आबंटन सहित मान योजना की समीक्षा कर रहा है।

Crop Insurance Scheme

523. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleasd to state :

(a) what is the number of farmers who have been benefited under the Crop Insurance Scheme during 1992-93 and 1993-94 in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar ;

(b) whether Government have constituted any high level committee to evaluate this Scheme ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a The number of farmers benefited under Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) during 1992-93 and 1993-94 in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh is as under :

Year	Bihar	Madhya Pradesh
1992-93 . . .	96990	86858
1993-94 . . . (Half yearly)	9306	18099

Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh States are not implementin the scheme.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A Group under the Chairmanship of, the then Additional Secretary, Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation, Shri K. N. Ardhanareeswaran, was constituted to undertake an indepth study and critical review of the functioning of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme, and on the basis of the recommendations of this Group, the following modifications were introduced in CCIS :—

(i) Sum insured was reduced to 100% of crop loan, subject to maximum limit of Rs. 10,000/- per farmer, against the earlier provision of 150% of the loan amount.

(ii) Varying levels of indemnity depending upon variability of yield were introduced.